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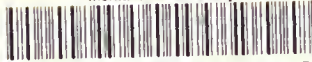
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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

1. Civilian Work Force - the number of persons 16 years and older, defined as employed or unemployed, excluding members of the Armed Forces.
2. Employed - those persons who work for pay or profit during a week or, as unpaid family workers, work 15 hours or more during a week. Also included as employed are those who, although not working, had some job attachment and were not looking for work, including persons temporarily absent from a job due to illness, bad weather, vacation, or labor-management dispute, whether or not they were in a pay status during their time off.
3. Unemployment - the number of persons who, for an entire week, did not work at all, were able to work and available for work, and (1) were looking for work or (2) would have looked for work except that (a) they were waiting to return to a job from which they had been laid off, or (b) they were waiting to report to a new wage and salary job scheduled to start within the following 30 days (and were not in school during the week).
4. Unemployment Rate - the number of unemployed expressed as a percent of the civilian work force.
5. Seasonally Adjusted Work Force Series - to facilitate the evaluation of the work force, recurrent yearly movements have been isolated and removed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics seasonal factor method.
6. Composite Index - an aggregate of six leading indicators. The indicators used are: Manufacturing - Employment, Average Weekly Hours, Total Accessions, and Layoffs; Average Weekly Initial Claims, and statewide Building Permits. A reverse trend was used for Layoffs and Average Weekly Initial Claims. This composite index is in no manner or form comparable to the United States composite Index as published in "Business Conditions Digest", U. S. Dept. of Commerce. The two indexes do not contain the same data, and the Dept. of Commerce used weighted figures while Montana's index used unweighted figures.
7. WIN - Work Incentive Program for Aid to Dependent Children recipients.
8. CEP - Concentrated Employment Program.
9. MDTA - Institutional training provided under the Manpower Development and Training Act of 1962 as amended.
10. JOBS - On the Job Training including supportive services.
11. JOP - On the Job Training (Contract effective January 1971).

- EMPLOYMENT -

- UNEMPLOYMENT -

- CIVILIAN WORK FORCE -

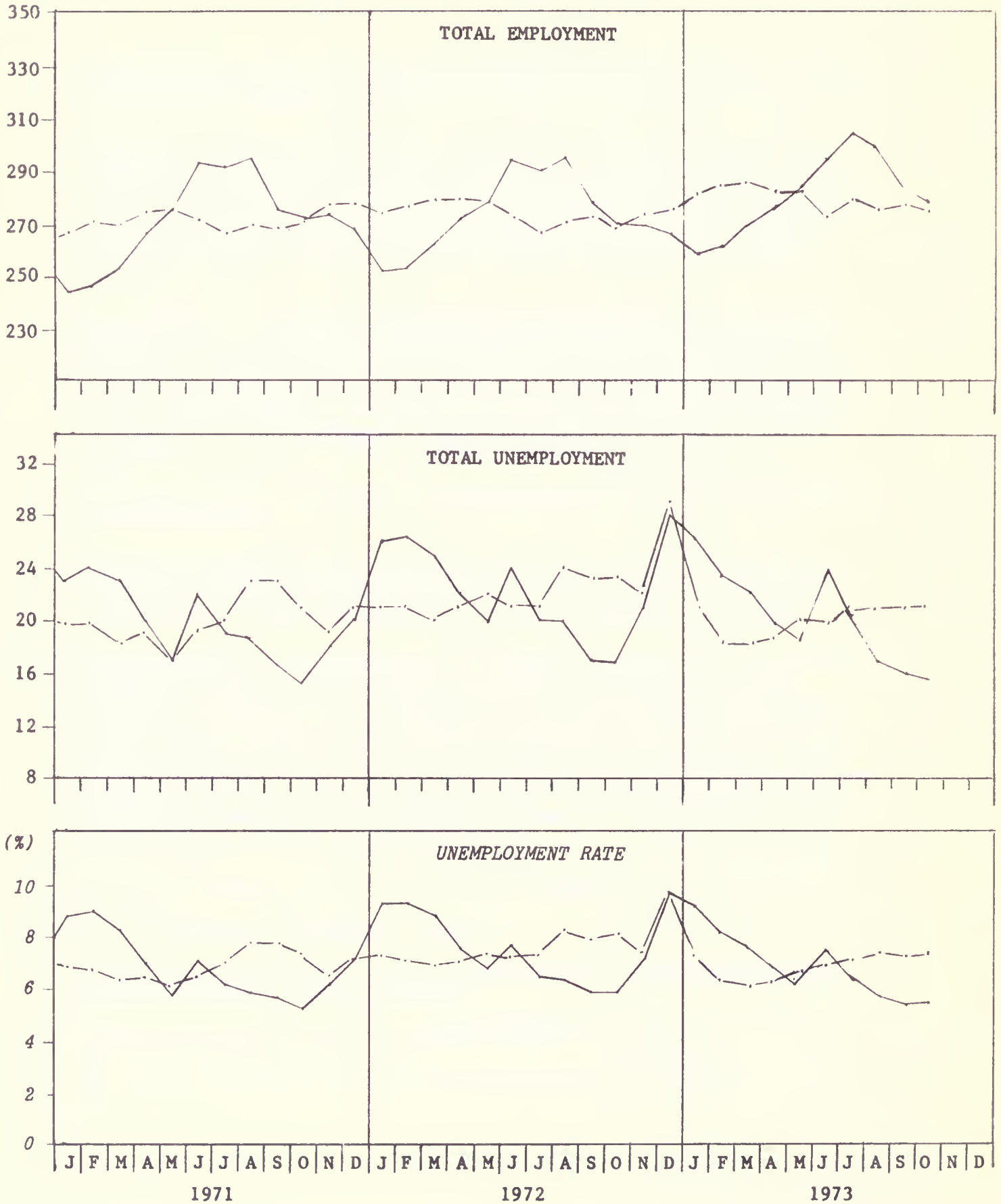
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MONTANA EMPLOYMENT, UNEMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET

OCTOBER 1973

STATE OF MONTANA

The civilian work force in Montana for September 1973 was 299,600, a decrease of 18,100 from August but an increase of 4,500 over September of 1972. Total employment for September was 283,600, a decrease of 16,200 from August and an increase of 6,500 from the same month one year ago. September's unemployment rate stood at 5.3% compared to 5.6% in August and 6.0% in September of last year.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment was 222,800, a decrease of 1,900 from August but an increase of 7,100 over September 1972. Total manufacturing employment at 25.8 thousand was down 100 from last month but up 900 from that recorded for the same month one year ago. The lumber and wood products employment was up 200 from last month and the printing and publishing industry employment was up 100 from last month. Manufacturing industries showing slight losses in employment were primary metals and food and kindred products.

Total non-manufacturing employment for September was 197,000 a decrease of 1,800 from last month's but an increase of 6,200 from September 1972. Government was the only industry to show a gain, up 400 from last month but at 55,200 employed was the same as recorded one year ago during the same month. The finance, insurance and real estate industry at 9.1 thousand employed remained the same as last month but was up 100 over September of last year. All other non-manufacturing industries such as mining, contract construction, transportation and public utilities, wholesale and retail trade and services showed decreases in employment in September from August, but all showed increases over the same month one year ago. The same trend occurred in all other nonagricultural employment which includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households and which showed decreases from last month but showed an increase over the same month one year ago.

Agricultural employment for September was 33,700 as compared to 46,500 from August, and 36,800 in September one year ago. Montana's all wheat production as of October 1 was estimated at 102.4 million bushels - 4% above 1972. The acreage for harvest in 1973 is 10% greater than last year. Winter wheat production will be 21% above last year. Hard spring wheat is forecast 13% less than last year and the durum wheat crop is expected to be down 2%. Montana barley production at 64 million bushels is down only slightly from 1972. Lower yields this year more than offset the 17% increase in acreage. Potato production is expected to be 1,428,000 hundredweight - 13% less than 1972. Alfalfa and other hay yields are the lowest since 1966. Production of alfalfa is 92% of last year. All hay is forecast at 3,609,000 tons, 17% less than 1972. Sugarbeet prospects have improved since September 1 to 19.5 tons per acre for a total production of 917,000 tons.

As of October 15, Montana's sugar beet crop was nearly 45% harvested, potato harvest was nearly 75% complete and dry bean combining is about 95% done. About 90% of the state's winter wheat has been planted with germination from fair to good in all areas of the state although rains are needed in the northwest and northcentral districts.

Cow and calf marketings are generally above average in the northwest, central and southwest, but highly variable elsewhere. Cattle and sheep movement from summer pastures by October 15 was 60% complete. Movement is behind a year ago except in the more droughty areas where range feed supplies became low.

The Index of Prices Received by Montana's farmers and ranchers for all farm products fell from its record high of 268 in mid-August to 252 in mid-September. The index declined 16 points (6%) in the last month but is 111 points (79%) above one year ago. The Index of

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET (Cont.)

Prices Received for all crops in Montana declined 4 points (1%) from August to September. At 295, this index is 159% above a year ago. Declines in the price of wheat and barley were only partially offset by increases in the price of oats, baled hay and dry beans. The Livestock and Livestock Products Index is down 24 points (10%) from mid-August. At 224, this index is 40% above September 1972. Steer and heifer prices dropped 11% from mid-August, cow prices declined 10%, and calves averaged 15% less than one month earlier. Dairy Products Index rose 2 points (2%) from mid-August but the Poultry and Eggs Index declined 4%. The average price of wool was 9 cents higher per pound than it was last year.

Montana's bank debits showed an increase for August with Cascade showing the biggest increase of 132 over the same month one year ago. The state's two Standard Metropolitan Areas both showed increases - Billings up 30% for August and 28% for the year, while Great Falls was up 23% for August and 13% for the year. The state as a whole showed a 25% increase for August and is up 20% for the year.

During August 462 building permits were issued compared to 437 in August 1972. Total valuation for the permits was \$10.2 million compared to \$6.5 million one year ago.

ANACONDA

Forty apartment units will be constructed in Anaconda which will contain 10 buildings and will cost \$892,000. Another twenty units will start in October that will cost \$483,000, and a new warehouse garage is also planned to start in October, valued at \$56,000. Logging was at its best during the past month in the area and the local smelter is in full swing. The main agricultural activities are pastureland irrigation and general ranch work, with potato harvest commencing.

BILLINGS

Construction began this month on the new Career Center which will cost \$4.5 million, and a building permit valued at \$271,000 was issued in Billings for a new land bank. Employment in Billings has remained at record levels during the month as it has for the year with wholesale, retail and service trades as well as construction activity continuing strong. Bank debits in August rose 30% over the same month one year ago and were up 28% for the year. The sugar beet harvest got underway during the first part of October providing 700 new jobs in agriculture and at the refinery. One of the big producing areas will be Treasure county which will harvest approximately 3,500 acres.

BOZEMAN

All major projects in the area are progressing on schedule and 17 city building permits were issued in September totaling \$166,220. Also, a new restaurant which employs 35 people opened during the last week of September. Bozeman bank debits increased 38% in August from the same month one year ago. The main agricultural activities this past month are the grain harvest, winter wheat seeding and irrigation of hay and meadows.

BUTTE

Construction in the area continues on a new drive-in restaurant, a new grocery store, a hospital annex and a motel expansion. Area construction projects in the finishing stages are a new office building, a grocery market and several remodeling jobs. Retail and service trades have been good this past month and the new hot springs resort now employs 20 people and is expected to employ up to 160 by July 1974. Bank debits in Butte increased 12% during August from the same month one year ago. The main area agricultural activities were the completion of the second cutting of hay, moving of cattle and sheep from summer ranges, and preparation and beginning of potato harvest.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET (Cont.)

CUT BANK

Construction activities in Cut Bank area has remained good during the month as projects included a new veterinarian clinic, a hospital, and gym construction, and in Browning projects included a sales ring, a nursing home, a race track, a pre-fabricated home factory, and a junior high school. The pencil and the plywood factories in Browning are running steady. The main agricultural activities in the area were summer fallowing and general ranch work. Harvest was completed by mid-September.

DILLON

Work continues on the interstate overpass and plans call for completion of this project by the end of October. Other local area projects include construction of a new theater building with completion set for October 15, the renovation of the telephone building, a new auto parts store, and an addition to a variety store. Agricultural activities included haying, fencing, irrigating, working sheep and potato harvest.

GLASGOW

Good weather during the month allowed all outside work in Glasgow to proceed at a normal pace. Also a new cafe which will open soon is interviewing for cooks and waitresses. In Malta, construction continues on a new steakhouse, lounge and 28-unit motel which is scheduled to be completed early in 1974. The main agricultural activities in the area were chopping of corn silage, haying and hauling grain and feed.

GLENDIVE

Construction on a new drug store moved along smoothly during the month and is expected to open by December. Other construction work is mostly finish-up work before the weather turns too cold. Oilfield work remained quiet during the

month with no major drilling taking place. By mid-October, sugar beet harvest was about 65% complete and with little demand for workers at this time. Other farm activity included corn silage harvest and seeding of winter wheat.

GREAT FALLS

Building permits issued by the city during September showed an average amount of residential construction as well as two new businesses. The total construction valuation was \$773,328. Also, an approximately \$2 million contract was awarded a local contractor for a water works including a water storage tank and an expansion of water treatment facilities. Bank debits in Great Falls during August showed an increase of 23% from the same period one year ago. Mining activities in Chouteau county continued during the month as natural gas hunters kept busy. The action added up to 8 new locations by 3 companies. Potato picking and fall seeding were the main agricultural activities during the past month.

HAMILTON

Construction activity should provide an economic shot in the arm in the valley area as four major projects will get underway in the near future. The projects include a new \$2.6 million hospital, the new Darby high school along with an addition to the elementary school estimated at \$1.2 million, the U. S. 93 construction program from Florence to Lolo valued at \$1.6 million, and a new church in Hamilton. Added to this are two banking projects near completion in Hamilton and a business expansion planned by the bank and other firms in Victor. A new \$140,000 elementary school building is also being erected in Florence. Retail trade, government, and lumber mill employment remained stable. Main agricultural activities for the month were potato and apple picking, and completing hay crops.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET (Cont.)

HAVRE Wholesale-retail trade and service industries are showing steady activity in the Havre area, and exploration drilling also continued to show some activity. Most construction jobs worked with full crews but employment in the nonagricultural field has shown a slight decline during the past month which is normal for this time of year. The main agricultural activities have been bale stacking, rock picking and general clean-up work.

HELENA Construction in Helena continues to move along as a new 40-thousand foot discount center was completed this month and work has begun on two 12-plex apartments. Two more stores are expected to move into their new quarters by the latter part of December. The city of Helena also has street projects due for completion before this winter, and two highway projects west and south of the city are progressing well. Bank debits increased 19% in August over the same month one year ago. The main agricultural activities in the vicinity were soil preparation and general maintenance.

KALISPELL A new \$10.5 million fiberboard plant in Columbia Falls is scheduled to open in October creating 120 new jobs. Ground was broken in Kalispell for a new 65,000 square foot shopping complex which will employ up to 90 people. New construction starts continue to set records in Kalispell as 20 new permits were issued in September valued at \$217,500. The nine-month total valuation now stands at \$5,459,500, highest in the history of Kalispell. Bank debits in Kalispell were up 37% in August over the same period one year ago. The main agricultural activities in the area were fall plowing, seeding winter wheat and preparation for the potato harvest.

LEWISTOWN Lewistown's economy seems to be on a climb as bank debits rose 65% in August over the same month of 1972 and the cumulative total for the first eight months in 1973 was 35% higher than it was in 1972. Two dams on the watershed program continue to progress rapidly and several remodeling jobs remain quite active. The completion and opening in mid-October of a new cafe will provide approximately 40 new jobs and a local brickyard, one of the city's oldest industries is expected to be back in operation in October under new ownership. Agricultural activities during the month included seeding, summer fallowing, fencing, and moving of cattle.

LIBBY Employment at Libby Dam in mid-October was 851, and all phases, including highway, dam and selective withdrawal, and the powerhouse are on schedule. Local construction remains at a steady pace as new motel-restaurant, fraternal hall and a real estate insurance building are all proceeding at a steady pace. Logging has picked up this month as gypos moved to new logging sites requiring additional fallers and cat skimmers.

LIVINGSTON A new restaurant was started this month which should create a good number of jobs. Hiring has remained good in the area especially in the forestry industry. The main agricultural activity has been fall ground preparation as fallowing and fertilizing take place.

MILES CITY Sugar beet harvest got underway October 1 and samples taken show a bigger stand and more weight than last year although sugar content is slightly less. Rosebud county will be a big producer this year with 1,300 acres to be harvested. Thirty-four

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTANA LABOR MARKET (Cont.)

MILES CITY building permits were issued for August in Miles City, 14 more than those issued for August of 1972. One major project listed was a \$20,000 drive-in eating and gas service. In addition to this, construction continues on a new chain restaurant, a new furniture store, and a new 54-unit motel. Bids were taken on the sewer and water project in the east and west sections of Miles City. This project is estimated at \$160,000. Bank debits in Miles City for August were 45% higher than they were for the same month one year ago.

MISSOULA Twenty-five building permits were issued during the month of September and of these 19 were residential. The combined valuation was \$320,737. All of the major building projects in the area are progressing well including two new major grocery stores and a new city library. A new roller skating rink is to be completed soon. Demands are good for specialists in all areas of logging and some regular fall work in the field of agriculture. August bank debits in Missoula were 11% higher than for the same month one year ago.

POLSON Area sawmill work remains steady and there is a constant demand in the logging industry for fallers, heel boom operators and skid cat operators. Construction activity is also steady with a new apartment building and a new bank building going up. Cafe and retail trades have been active during the month with some demand for cooks, bartenders and waitresses. The farm picture around Polson was good, with the potato harvest, apple picking and tree harvest all in full swing.

SHELBY All major industries in Shelby area showed a normal trend for this time of year, with a steady call for experienced ranch

hands during the month. An application has been made to curb Shelby's critical housing shortage which would include construction of 10 new single bedroom homes and 10 new two-bedroom homes. Presently there are three new homes being built in Shelby. The main agricultural activities during the past month have been summer fallowing and some general ranch work.

SIDNEY Building crews are active in the area with house contracting, industrial construction, and renovation of present structures. The local sugar factory is in full swing for its annual campaign, employing nearly 300 persons for a five-month duration. A new discount center and a new drug store will hire 30 to 40 sales clerks who will start work in the near future. Farmers are beginning to place openings for winter help in feeding cattle and other main agricultural activities for the month included silage cutting, hay hauling, winter wheat seeding, and summer fallowing on dryland farms.

THOMPSON FALLS Employment levels in all basic industries remained high and stable during the past month with no change expected in the near future. A shortage of woods workers, especially fallers exists in the area.

WOLF POINT Construction continues at a good pace as residential building and remodeling and farm storage facilities make up most of the balance of building construction in the area. Highway construction jobs included highway surfacing and bridge construction. The number of unemployed in the area continued to decline during the month as agricultural demands remained heavy, construction employment was up slightly from last month and the service and retail trades needed help mainly to replace students returning to school. The main agricultural activities included seeding, summer fallowing and general ranch work.

ANTICIPATED DEVELOPMENTS IN MONTANA'S WORK FORCE

Unemployment will continue to rise in November largely due to the slowdown in all outdoor activities. The overall economy of Montana will show a gradual decline of activity until the normal seasonal rise in December due to holiday buying.

MANPOWER PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

SEPTEMBER 1973

<u>Program</u>	<u>New Enrollees</u>	<u>Job Placements</u>	<u>End of Month Enrollment</u>
WIN	129	92	654
CEP	74	49	246
MDTA (Inst.)	85	22	168
JOBS	7	7	32
JOP	16	16	59
Job Corps	31	11	189

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE UNEMPLOYED^{1/}

SEPTEMBER 1973

<u>Social Characteristics</u>	<u>Percent of Total Covered Unemployment</u>
Non-White	4.6%
Female	50.3%
Youth	11.6%
Over 45	31.6%

^{1/} Based on 30% sample of Continued Claims filed during the week including the 19th of each month in all local offices.

Table I
MONTANA CIVILIAN WORK FORCE
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
in Thousands

Date	Civilian Work Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Manage- ment Dispute
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent# Montana U. S.		
1971								
January	269.8	245.7	221.4	24.3	23.7	8.8	6.6	.4
February	272.4	247.5	222.3	25.2	24.5	9.0	6.6	.4
March	276.7	253.6	225.4	28.2	23.1	8.3	6.3	*
April	287.4	267.1	229.6	37.5	20.3	7.1	5.7	*
May	293.0	275.9	236.4	39.5	17.1	5.8	5.3	*
June	316.3	293.7	246.5	47.2	22.5	7.1	6.5	.1
July	318.0	292.4	242.8	49.6	19.8	6.2	6.2	5.8
August	318.9	294.2	244.6	49.6	18.9	5.9	5.9	5.8
September	297.4	274.7	242.3	32.4	16.9	5.7	5.8	5.8
October	286.7	271.3	241.8	29.5	15.3	5.3	5.4	.1
November	290.8	272.5	241.1	31.4	18.2	6.3	5.7	.1
December	288.7	267.7	238.8	28.9	20.9	7.2	5.5	.1
1971 Avg.	293.0	271.4	236.1	35.3	20.1	6.9	5.9	1.5
1972								
January	280.8	254.7	229.6	25.1	26.0	9.3	6.4	.1
February	281.5	255.1	229.8	25.3	26.3	9.3	6.4	.1
March	289.5	263.8	233.9	29.9	25.6	8.8	6.1	.1
April	296.3	273.8	235.9	37.9	22.4	7.6	5.5	.1
May	300.7	280.0	240.7	39.3	20.5	6.8	5.1	.2
June	323.3	298.3	248.8	49.5	24.9	7.7	6.2	.1
July	313.2	292.4	246.1	46.3	20.4	6.5	5.8	.4
August	317.7	296.5	245.6	50.9	20.6	6.4	5.5	.6
September	295.1	277.1	240.3	36.8	17.7	6.0	5.4	.3
October	286.7	269.6	239.2	30.4	17.0	5.9	5.1	.1
November	289.5	268.5	238.0	30.5	20.9	7.2	4.9	.1
December	294.4	266.1	238.5	27.6	28.1	9.7	4.7	.2
1972 Avg.	297.4	274.7	238.9	35.8	22.6	7.6	5.6	.2
1973								
January	285.1	258.8	234.5	24.3	26.2	9.2	5.5	.1
February	283.8	260.7	235.4	25.3	23.1	8.1	5.6	*
March	290.3	268.1	238.8	29.3	22.2	7.7	5.2	*
April	295.9	275.9	240.7	35.2	19.8	6.7	4.8	.2
May	302.7	284.2	245.6	38.6	18.2	6.0	4.3	.3
June	320.5	296.2	253.2	43.0	23.8	7.4	5.4	.5
July	325.1	304.5	252.3	52.2	20.5	6.3	5.0	.1
August	317.7	299.8	253.3	46.5	17.7	5.6	4.7	.2
September	299.6	283.6	249.9	33.7	15.8	5.3		.2
October	294.2	278.8	248.8	30.0	15.2	5.3		.2
November								
December								
Avg.								

* Under 50 Current month in italics is a forecast
Revised to 1972 Benchmarks
Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers

Previous month preliminary
Series began January 1957

Table II
GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)
Civilian Work Force
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
in Thousands

Date	Civilian Work Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Manage- ment Dispute
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent#		
						County	State	
1971								
January	29.4	27.4	26.5	.9	2.0	6.8	8.8	0
February	29.7	27.6	26.7	.9	2.1	7.1	9.0	0
March	30.2	28.2	27.0	1.2	2.0	6.6	8.3	0
April	31.2	29.4	27.8	1.6	1.8	5.8	7.1	0
May	31.7	30.0	28.4	1.6	1.7	5.4	5.8	0
June	33.3	30.9	28.7	2.2	2.3	6.9	7.1	.1
July	32.1	28.6	26.8	1.8	2.1	6.5	6.2	1.4
August	32.3	28.9	27.1	1.8	2.0	6.2	5.9	1.4
September	31.6	28.3	27.2	1.1	1.9	6.0	5.7	1.4
October	31.0	29.5	28.7	.8	1.5	4.8	5.3	0
November	31.1	29.4	28.5	.9	1.7	5.5	6.3	0
December	31.2	29.3	28.3	1.0	1.9	6.1	7.2	0
1971 Avg.	31.1	28.9	27.6	1.3	1.9	6.1	6.9	.3
1972								
January	30.4	28.1	27.2	.9	2.3	7.6	9.3	0
February	30.6	28.3	27.4	.9	2.3	7.5	9.3	0
March	31.1	29.1	27.9	1.2	2.0	6.4	8.8	0
April	32.2	30.4	28.8	1.6	1.8	5.6	7.6	0
May	32.4	30.7	29.1	1.6	1.7	5.2	6.8	0
June	34.3	31.6	29.5	2.1	2.7	7.9	7.7	0
July	33.2	30.9	29.0	1.9	2.3	6.9	6.5	*
August	33.1	30.8	28.6	2.2	2.3	6.9	6.4	*
September	32.3	30.1	28.5	1.6	2.2	6.8	6.0	*
October	32.1	30.0	28.6	1.4	2.1	6.5	5.9	0
November	32.3	29.9	28.3	1.6	2.4	7.4	7.2	*
December	32.1	29.5	28.0	1.5	2.6	8.1	9.7	*
1972 Avg.	32.2	29.9	28.4	1.5	2.3	7.1	7.6	*
1973								
January	31.5	28.6	27.5	1.1	2.9	9.3	9.2	*
February	31.3	28.6	27.5	1.1	2.7	8.7	8.1	*
March	31.4	28.9	27.8	1.1	2.5	7.9	7.7	*
April	32.5	30.2	28.6	1.6	2.3	6.9	6.7	*
May	32.8	30.4	28.8	1.6	2.4	7.3	6.0	*
June	34.9	31.7	29.5	2.2	3.2	9.1	7.4	-
July	34.7	32.2	29.7	2.5	2.5	7.2	6.3	-
August	34.7	32.6	29.9	2.7	2.1	6.2	5.6	-
September	34.1	31.9	30.1	1.8	2.2	6.3	5.3	*
October	33.9	31.8	30.2	1.6	2.1	6.2	5.3	-
November								
December								
Avg.								

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Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers
Revised to 1972 Benchmarks

Current month in italics is a forecast
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Table III
BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)
Civilian Work Force
NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
in Thousands

Date	Civilian Work Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Manage- ment Dispute
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent# County State		
1971								
January	35.6	33.2	32.1	1.1	2.4	6.7	8.8	*
February	36.2	33.6	32.2	1.4	2.6	7.2	9.0	*
March	36.5	33.9	32.7	1.2	2.6	7.1	8.3	*
April	37.4	35.3	33.5	1.8	2.1	5.6	7.1	*
May	38.4	36.5	34.4	2.1	1.9	4.9	5.8	0
June	39.4	36.8	35.0	1.8	2.6	6.6	7.1	0
July	39.5	37.2	35.1	2.1	2.3	5.8	6.2	0
August	39.2	37.0	35.0	2.0	2.2	5.6	5.9	0
September	38.7	36.6	35.2	1.4	2.1	5.4	5.7	0
October	38.7	37.0	36.0	1.0	1.7	4.4	5.3	0
November	39.4	37.1	35.9	1.2	2.3	5.8	6.3	0
December	39.0	36.6	35.6	1.0	2.4	6.2	7.2	0
1971 Avg.	38.2	35.9	34.4	1.5	2.3	6.0	6.9	0
1972								
January	37.7	35.0	33.8	1.2	2.7	7.2	9.3	0
February	38.0	35.2	34.2	1.0	2.8	7.4	9.3	0
March	39.1	36.3	34.9	1.4	2.8	7.2	8.8	0
April	39.6	37.4	35.8	1.6	2.2	5.6	7.6	*
May	40.1	37.8	36.3	1.5	2.3	5.7	6.8	*
June	42.9	39.9	37.3	2.6	3.0	7.0	7.7	*
July	42.7	40.1	37.3	2.8	2.6	6.1	6.5	*
August	42.8	40.3	37.3	3.0	2.5	5.8	6.4	*
September	41.7	39.5	37.3	2.2	2.2	5.3	6.0	*
October	41.8	39.8	38.1	1.7	2.0	4.8	5.9	*
November	42.0	39.6	38.0	1.6	2.4	5.7	7.2	*
December	41.5	39.0	37.6	1.4	2.5	6.0	9.7	*
1972 Avg.	40.8	38.3	36.5	1.8	2.5	6.1	7.6	*
1973								
January	40.7	37.4	36.2	1.2	3.3	8.0	9.2	*
February	40.0	37.6	36.3	1.3	2.4	6.0	8.1	*
March	40.3	38.2	36.7	1.5	2.1	5.1	7.7	0
April	41.4	39.3	37.8	1.5	2.1	5.1	6.7	*
May	41.9	39.7	38.1	1.6	2.2	5.2	6.0	*
June	45.2	41.9	39.3	2.6	2.9	6.4	7.4	.4
July	43.8	41.2	39.0	2.2	2.6	6.0	6.3	*
August	44.1	41.6	39.2	2.4	2.5	5.6	5.6	*
September	42.6	40.6	38.8	1.8	2.0	4.8	5.3	*
October	42.8	41.0	39.6	1.4	1.8	4.2	5.3	*
November								
December								
Avg.								

* Under 50 Current month in italics is a forecast Previous month preliminary
Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers Series began January 1962
Revised to 1972 benchmarks

Table IV

MONTANA

Statewide Employment by Industry

in Thousands

INDUSTRY	Sept. 1973	Aug. 1973	Sept. 1972	Net Changes to Current Month from:	
				Aug. 1973	Sept. 1972
1. Civilian Work Force	299.6	317.7	295.1	-18.1	4.5
2. Unemployment	15.8	17.7	17.7	-1.9	-1.9
Percent of Work Force#	5.3	5.6	6.0	-.3	-.7
3. Employment, Total	283.6	299.8	277.1	-16.2	6.5
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary	222.8	224.7	215.7	-1.9	7.1
<u>MANUFACTURING</u>	25.8	25.9	24.9	-.1	.9
Durable Goods	16.7	16.8	16.5	-.1	.2
24 Lumber and Wood Products	9.5	9.3	9.2	.2	.3
33 Primary Metal Industries	3.5	3.6	3.6	-.1	-.1
Other Durable Goods	3.7	3.9	3.7	-.2	0
Nondurable Goods	9.1	9.1	8.4	0	.7
20 Food and Kindred Products	4.3	4.4	4.2	-.1	.1
27 Printing and Publishing	2.1	2.0	1.9	.1	.2
29 Petroleum and Coal Products	1.1	1.1	1.1	0	0
Other Nondurable Goods	1.6	1.6	1.2	0	.4
<u>NONMANUFACTURING</u>	197.0	198.8	190.8	-1.8	6.2
Mining	6.4	6.6	6.1	-.2	.3
10 Metal Mining	3.8	3.9	3.6	-.1	.2
12 & 14 Bitum. Coal, Quarrying, Nonmetal Mining ...	1.0	1.0	.9	0	.1
13 Oil and Gas Extraction	1.6	1.7	1.6	-.1	0

Contract Construction	12.8	13.1	11.0	-.3	1.8
15 General Building Contractors	5.0	4.7	2.7	.3	2.3
16 Heavy Construction Contractors	3.7	4.2	4.1	-.5	-.4
17 Special Trade Contractors	4.1	4.2	4.2	-.1	-.1
Transportation and Public Utilities	18.8	18.9	18.3	-.1	.5
40 Railroad Transportation	6.5	6.5	6.6	0	-.1
41-47 Transportation, except Railroad	5.4	5.4	5.1	0	.3
48 & 49 Commun., Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services ..	6.9	7.0	6.6	-.1	.3
Wholesale and Retail Trade	56.2	57.1	53.3	-.9	2.9
Wholesale Trade	10.9	10.7	10.5	.2	.4
Retail Trade	45.3	46.4	42.8	-1.1	2.5
53 & 56 Ret. Gen. Merch., Apparel, Accessories ..	7.6	7.7	7.0	-.1	.6
54 Food Stores	5.9	6.0	5.9	-.1	0
55 Automotive Dealers, Service Stations	8.6	8.8	8.6	-.2	0
58 Eating and Drinking Places	14.9	15.3	12.9	-.4	2.0
52, 57, 59 Bldg. Mat., Farm Equip., Furn., Misc. .	8.3	8.6	8.4	-.3	-.1
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	9.1	9.1	9.0	0	.1
Services	38.5	39.2	37.9	-.7	.6
70 Hotels and other Lodging Places	5.8	6.6	5.4	-.8	.4
72 Personal Services	2.3	2.5	2.4	-.2	-.1
80 Medical and other Health Services	12.4	12.4	12.4	0	0
Other Services	18.0	17.7	17.7	.3	.3
Government	55.2	54.8	55.2	.4	0
91 Federal Government	12.4	13.0	12.7	-.6	-.3
92 & 93 State and Local Government	42.8	41.8	42.5	1.0	.3
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment ^{1/}	27.1	28.6	24.6	-1.5	2.5
(c) Agriculture	33.7	46.5	36.8	-12.8	-3.1
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes	.2	.2	.3	0	-.1

^{1/} Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers, and domestic workers in private households.

Under 50. Current month preliminary. Revised to 1972 Benchmarks. Series began January 1964.
 Produced in cooperation with U. S. Dept. of Labor Manpower Administration and Bureau of Labor Statistics.
 # Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.

Table V
MONTANA STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA
Employment by Industry
SEPTEMBER 1973
in Thousands

I N D U S T R Y	Sept. 1973	Aug. 1973	Sept. 1972	Net Changes to Current Month from:	
				Aug. 1973	Sept. 1972
GREAT FALLS (CASCADE COUNTY)					
1. Civilian Work Force	34.1	34.7	32.3	-.6	1.8
2. Unemployment	2.2	2.1	2.2	.1	0
<i>Percent of Work Force</i> [#]	6.3	6.2	6.8	.1	-.5
3. Employment, Total	31.9	32.6	30.1	-.7	1.8
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary	27.9	27.5	26.3	.4	1.6
<u>MANUFACTURING</u>	2.4	2.4	2.3	0	.1
<u>NONMANUFACTURING</u>	25.5	25.1	24.0	.4	1.5
Contract Construction	1.9	1.9	1.8	0	.1
Transportation and Public Utilities	2.4	2.4	2.3	0	.1
Wholesale and Retail Trade	7.9	7.9	7.5	0	.4
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	1.8	1.8	1.7	0	.1
Services and Mining	5.3	5.4	5.0	-.1	.3
Government	6.2	5.7	5.7	.5	.5
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment ^{1/}	2.2	2.4	2.2	-.2	0
(c) Agriculture	1.8	2.7	1.6	-.9	.2
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes .	*	-	*	-	-

^{1/} Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers,
and domestic workers in private households.

* Under 50.

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and Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Computed from whole (unrounded) numbers.

Revised to 1972 Benchmarks. Current month preliminary. Series began January 1958.

Table VI
MONTANA STANDARD METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA
Employment by Industry
SEPTEMBER 1973
in Thousands

INDUSTRY	Sept. 1973	Aug. 1973	Sept. 1972	Net Changes to Current Month from:	
				Aug. 1973	Sept. 1972
BILLINGS (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)					
1. Civilian Work Force	42.6	44.1	41.7	-1.5	.9
2. Unemployment	2.0	2.5	2.2	-.5	-.2
<i>Percent of Work Force</i> [#]	4.8	5.6	5.3	-.8	-.5
3. Employment, Total	40.6	41.6	39.5	-1.0	1.1
(a) Nonagricultural Wage and Salary	34.8	35.0	33.3	-.2	1.5
<u>MANUFACTURING</u>	4.0	3.9	3.7	.1	.3
<u>NONMANUFACTURING</u>	30.8	31.1	29.6	-.3	1.2
Contract Construction	2.3	2.6	2.3	-.3	0
Transportation and Public Utilities	3.5	3.5	3.3	0	.2
Wholesale and Retail Trade	10.8	10.7	10.3	.1	.5
Finance, Insurance and Real Estate	1.8	1.8	1.8	0	0
Services and Mining	6.9	6.9	6.5	0	.4
Government	5.5	5.6	5.4	-.1	.1
(b) All other Nonagricultural Employment ^{1/}	4.0	4.2	4.0	-.2	0
(c) Agriculture	1.8	2.4	2.2	-.6	-.4
4. Persons involved in labor/management disputes .	*	*	*	-	-

^{1/} Includes nonagricultural self-employed and unpaid family workers,
and domestic workers in private households.

* Under 50.

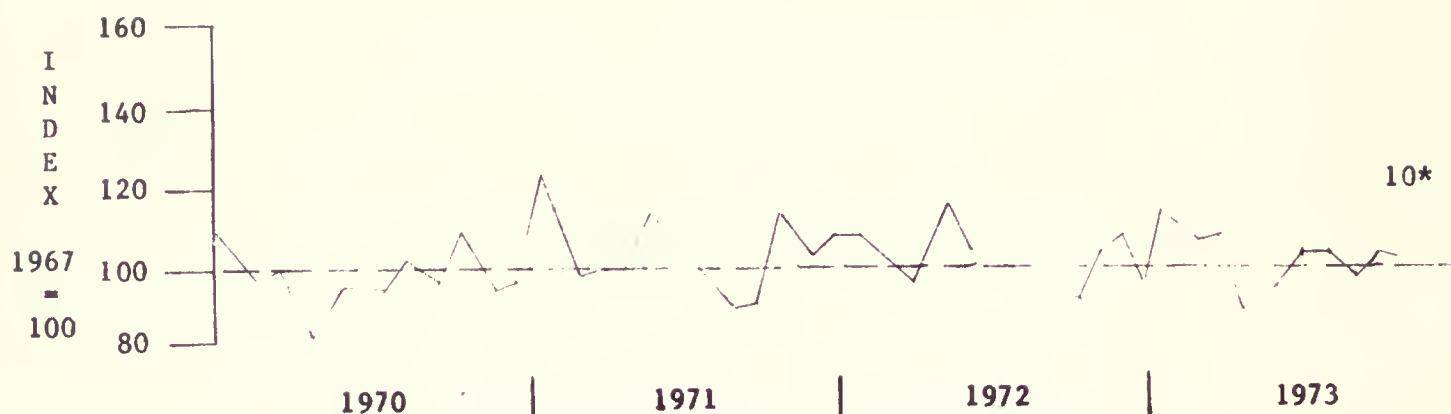
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ECONOMIC INDICATORS

COMPOSITE INDEX OF SIX LEADING INDICATORS*



Composite Index of
SIX LEADING INDICATORS
1967 = 100

1972

January	107.8
February	102.0
March	97.3
April	117.1
May	104.7
June	101.6
July	99.2
August	96.1
September	93.8
October	103.5
November	108.3
December	93.9

1973

January	116.0
February	106.5
March	107.4
April	89.6
May	99.3
June	102.9
July	102.0
August	97.7
September	103.0 ^p
October	101.0 ^f
November	
December	

MONTANA'S ECONOMY

Revised data for the months of June through August indicate that Montana's economy was faring far better than was shown at that time. All months were higher than originally described.

The September index is about four points higher than the same period of one year ago. The October index is approximately the same as 1972's October index according to preliminary data.

* Employment, Average Weekly Hours, Total Accessions, and Layoffs in Manufacturing; Building Permits, and Average Weekly Initial Unemployment Insurance Claims.

** Indicates last month of plotted data.

p: Preliminary. f: Forecast.

Table VII
MONTANA CIVILIAN WORK FORCE
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
in Thousands

Date	Civilian Work Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Manage- ment Dispute
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent Montana U. S.		
1971								
January	287.3	267.2	233.3	33.9	19.7	6.9	6.0	.4
February	290.6	270.4	235.2	35.2	19.8	6.8	5.8	.4
March	289.9	271.0	237.0	34.0	18.9	6.5	6.0	*
April	292.0	272.9	235.7	37.2	19.1	6.5	6.1	*
May	292.3	273.8	236.6	37.2	18.5	6.3	6.2	*
June	291.4	272.2	236.6	35.6	19.1	6.5	5.6	.1
July	293.9	267.6	231.9	35.7	20.5	7.0	5.8	5.8
August	296.8	268.4	232.1	36.3	22.6	7.6	6.1	5.8
September	296.5	268.2	233.4	34.8	22.5	7.6	6.0	5.8
October	291.4	269.9	238.9	31.0	21.4	7.3	5.8	.1
November	295.8	276.7	241.6	35.1	19.0	6.4	6.0	.1
December	298.4	277.0	241.2	35.8	21.3	7.1	6.0	.1
1971 Avg.	293.0	271.4	236.1	35.3	20.1	6.9	5.9	1.5
1972								
January	298.3	276.5	241.9	34.6	21.7	7.3	5.9	.1
February	299.0	277.6	242.7	34.9	21.3	7.1	5.7	.1
March	302.0	281.0	246.2	34.8	20.9	6.9	5.9	.1
April	302.2	281.0	242.2	38.8	21.1	7.0	5.9	.1
May	300.8	278.4	240.9	37.5	22.2	7.4	5.9	.2
June	297.2	275.9	238.8	37.1	21.2	7.2	5.5	.1
July	289.8	268.2	235.0	33.2	21.2	7.3	5.5	.4
August	296.9	271.6	233.0	38.6	24.7	8.3	5.6	.6
September	294.9	271.0	231.5	39.5	23.6	7.9	5.5	.3
October	292.1	268.2	236.4	31.8	23.8	8.1	5.5	.1
November	294.7	272.6	238.5	34.1	22.0	7.4	5.2	.1
December	304.2	275.1	240.9	34.2	28.9	9.4	5.1	.2
1972 Avg.	297.4	274.7	238.9	35.8	22.6	7.6	5.6	.2
1973								
January	303.3	281.3	247.1	34.2	21.9	7.2	5.0	.1
February	302.7	284.0	248.6	35.4	18.7	6.2	5.1	*
March	304.9	286.7	251.4	35.3	18.2	6.0	5.0	*
April	301.0	282.1	247.1	35.0	18.7	6.2	5.0	.2
May	302.1	282.1	245.8	36.3	19.7	6.5	5.0	.3
June	295.2	274.5	242.1	32.4	20.2	6.8	4.8	.5
July	299.8	278.5	241.0	37.5	21.3	7.1	4.7	*
August	295.7	274.3	240.3	34.0	21.2	7.2	4.8	.2
September	298.1	276.8	240.7	36.1	21.1	7.1		.2
October	296.0	274.8	245.8	29.0	21.2	7.2		.2
November								
December								
Avg.								

* Under 50 Current month in italics is a forecast Previous month preliminary
Revised to 1972 Benchmarks Series began January 1957

NOTE: Seasonally adjusted data are provided for statistical analysis only and should not be confused with actual numbers

Table VIII
GREAT FALLS SMSA (CASCADE COUNTY)
Civilian Work Force
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
in Thousands

Date	Civilian Work Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Manage- ment Dispute
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent County State		
1971								
January	30.8	29.1	28.0	1.1	1.7	5.5	6.9	0
February	30.9	29.1	28.0	1.1	1.8	5.8	6.8	0
March	31.2	29.4	28.0	1.4	1.8	5.8	6.5	0
April	31.6	29.8	28.2	1.6	1.8	5.7	6.5	0
May	31.6	29.9	28.3	1.6	1.7	5.4	6.3	0
June	31.6	29.6	27.6	2.0	1.9	6.0	6.5	.1
July	30.7	27.2	25.9	1.3	2.1	6.8	7.0	1.4
August	31.2	27.5	26.1	1.4	2.3	7.4	7.6	1.4
September	31.4	27.7	26.5	1.2	2.3	7.3	7.6	1.4
October	31.1	29.2	28.4	.8	1.9	6.1	7.3	0
November	31.1	29.3	28.4	.9	1.8	5.8	6.4	0
December	31.8	29.7	28.6	1.1	2.1	6.6	7.1	0.
1971 Avg.	31.1	28.9	27.6	1.3	1.9	6.1	6.9	.3
1972								
January	31.8	29.8	28.7	1.1	2.0	6.3	7.3	0
February	31.8	29.8	28.7	1.1	2.0	6.3	7.1	0
March	32.1	30.3	28.9	1.4	1.8	5.6	6.9	0
April	32.6	30.8	29.2	1.6	1.8	5.5	7.0	0
May	32.3	30.6	29.0	1.6	1.7	5.3	7.4	0
June	32.6	30.3	28.4	1.9	2.3	7.1	7.2	0
July	31.9	29.6	28.1	1.5	2.3	7.2	7.3	*
August	31.9	29.3	27.6	1.7	2.6	8.2	8.3	*
September	32.1	29.4	27.7	1.7	2.7	8.4	7.9	*
October	32.5	29.8	28.3	1.5	2.7	8.3	8.1	0
November	32.3	29.8	28.2	1.6	2.5	7.7	7.4	*
December	32.7	29.9	28.3	1.6	2.8	8.6	9.4	*
1972 Avg.	32.2	29.9	28.4	1.5	2.3	7.1	7.6	*
1973								
January	32.8	30.3	29.0	1.3	2.5	7.6	7.2	*
February	32.4	30.1	28.8	1.3	2.3	7.1	6.2	*
March	32.2	30.0	28.7	1.3	2.2	6.8	6.0	*
April	32.9	30.6	29.0	1.6	2.3	7.0	6.2	*
May	32.8	30.3	28.7	1.6	2.5	7.6	6.5	*
June	33.0	30.4	28.4	2.0	2.6	7.9	6.8	-
July	33.1	30.6	28.7	1.9	2.5	7.5	7.1	-
August	33.5	31.1	29.8	1.3	2.4	7.2	7.2	-
September	33.9	31.2	29.3	1.9	2.7	8.0	7.1	*
October	34.3	31.6	29.9	1.7	2.7	7.9	7.2	-
November								
December								
Avg.								

* Under 50 *Current month in italics is a forecast* *Previous month preliminary*
Revised to 1972 Benchmarks *Series began January 1969*

NOTE: Seasonally adjusted data are provided for statistical analysis only and should not be confused with actual numbers

Table IX
BILLINGS SMSA (YELLOWSTONE COUNTY)
Civilian Work Force
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED
in Thousands

Date	Civilian Work Force	EMPLOYMENT			UNEMPLOYMENT			Labor Manage- ment Dispute
		Total	Non-Ag	Agri.	Total	Percent County State		
1971								
January	37.1	35.0	33.3	1.7	2.1	5.7	6.9	*
February	37.7	35.5	33.4	2.1	2.2	5.8	6.8	*
March	37.6	35.3	33.8	1.5	2.3	6.1	6.5	*
April	37.8	35.6	33.8	1.8	2.2	5.8	6.5	*
May	38.2	36.1	34.2	1.9	2.1	5.5	6.3	0
June	37.2	35.2	34.2	1.0	2.0	5.4	6.5	0
July	38.6	36.3	34.6	1.7	2.3	6.0	7.0	0
August	38.4	36.0	34.2	1.8	2.4	6.3	7.6	0
September	39.0	36.5	34.9	1.6	2.5	6.4	7.6	0
October	38.5	36.2	35.3	.9	2.3	6.0	7.3	0
November	39.2	36.7	35.5	1.2	2.5	6.4	6.4	0
December	39.1	36.6	35.3	1.3	2.5	6.4	7.1	0
1971 Avg.	38.2	35.9	34.4	1.5	2.3	6.0	6.9	0
1972								
January	39.4	37.0	35.1	1.9	2.4	6.1	7.3	0
February	39.3	37.0	35.5	1.5	2.3	5.9	7.1	0
March	40.3	37.9	36.1	1.8	2.4	6.0	6.9	0
April	40.1	37.8	36.2	1.6	2.3	5.7	7.0	*
May	39.9	37.4	36.1	1.3	2.5	6.3	7.4	*
June	40.3	38.0	36.5	1.5	2.3	5.7	7.2	*
July	41.6	39.0	36.7	2.3	2.6	6.3	7.3	*
August	41.9	39.1	36.4	2.7	2.8	6.7	8.3	*
September	42.1	39.5	37.0	2.5	2.6	6.2	7.9	*
October	41.6	38.9	37.4	1.5	2.7	6.5	8.1	*
November	41.7	39.1	37.5	1.6	2.6	6.2	7.4	*
December	41.6	39.0	37.2	1.8	2.6	6.3	9.4	*
1972 Avg.	40.8	38.3	36.5	1.8	2.5	6.1	7.6	*
1973								
January	42.4	39.5	37.6	1.9	2.9	6.8	7.2	*
February	41.6	39.6	37.6	2.0	2.0	4.8	6.2	*
March	41.6	39.8	37.9	1.9	1.8	4.3	6.0	0
April	41.9	39.7	38.2	1.5	2.2	5.3	6.2	*
May	41.7	39.3	37.9	1.4	2.4	5.8	6.5	*
June	42.3	40.0	38.5	1.5	2.3	5.4	6.8	-
July	42.8	40.2	38.4	1.8	2.6	6.1	7.1	-
August	43.3	40.5	38.3	2.2	2.8	6.5	7.2	*
September	42.9	40.5	38.5	2.0	2.4	5.6	7.1	*
October	42.5	40.1	38.8	1.3	2.4	5.6	7.2	*
November								
December								
Avg.								

* Under 50 Current month in italics is a forecast Previous month preliminary
Revised to 1972 Benchmarks Series began January 1969

NOTE: Seasonally adjusted data are provided for statistical analysis only and should not be confused with actual numbers

Table X

MONTANA HOURS AND EARNINGS For Private Nonagricultural Industries

SEPTEMBER 1973

	<u>Average Weekly Earnings</u>		<u>Average Weekly Hours</u>		<u>Average Hourly Earnings</u>	
	Sept. 1973	Aug. 1973	Sept. 1972	Sept. 1973	Aug. 1973	Sept. 1972
TOTAL PRIVATE	\$144.69	\$144.36	\$137.27	37.1	37.4	37.2
MANUFACTURING						
Durable Goods	193.23	184.27	176.38	41.2	39.8	41.5
Primary Metal Industries	196.56	183.14	177.21	42.0	39.9	42.7
Nondurable Goods	176.06	173.35	169.28	37.3	37.2	40.4
Food and Kindred Products	184.08	188.25	175.49	39.0	39.8	38.4
	176.28	179.75	167.65	40.9	42.9	41.6
MINING						
Metal Mining	187.37	213.78	192.01	37.4	43.1	42.2
	176.16	221.79	194.74	33.3	42.9	41.7
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	255.84	245.46	233.40	38.3	38.9	38.9
TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES	220.73	220.45	205.16	40.8	40.9	41.7
Communications, Electric, Gas, Sanitary Services	180.71	182.03	176.57	39.2	39.4	39.5
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	111.86	113.40	108.53	36.2	36.7	35.7
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	106.39	104.53	98.64	37.2	37.6	36.0
SERVICES	88.77	88.97	86.25	33.0	33.7	33.3

Data for current month are preliminary.

Averages are based on gross earnings, including overtime and premium pay.

Selected Industries series began January 1950; Total Private Sector series began January 1969 (May 1972 issue).
Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Table XI

MONTANA LABOR TURNOVER RATES

In Manufacturing and Mining Industries

(per 100 employees)

AUGUST 1973

	ACCESSION RATES						SEPARATION RATES								
	Total			New Hires			Total			Quits			Layoffs		
	Aug. 1973	July 1973	Aug. 1972	Aug. 1973	July 1973	Aug. 1972	Aug. 1973	July 1973	Aug. 1972	Aug. 1973	July 1973	Aug. 1972	Aug. 1973	July 1973	Aug. 1972
MANUFACTURING	4.2	4.2	4.3	3.7	3.8	4.0	5.8	3.7	5.7	3.1	2.4	2.7	1.5	.7	2.0
Durable Goods	4.4	4.0	5.1	3.9	3.6	4.8	5.7	3.8	6.9	3.5	2.5	2.4	1.2	.6	2.5
Primary Metal Industries	1.8	2.6	.6	1.2	1.6	.5	4.1	2.5	10.0	1.6	1.2	2.7	1.2	.7	7.0
Nondurable Goods	3.6	4.4	2.6	3.2	4.1	2.6	5.7	3.5	3.2	2.4	2.1	1.4	2.0	.9	.9
MINING	6.7	5.0	5.4	3.2	2.5	2.8	7.3	5.3	5.5	3.5	2.3	2.2	.1	.4	.2
Metal Mining	8.2	6.4	6.8	2.7	2.3	2.6	9.2	7.0	7.2	3.3	2.9	3.0	*	*	.1

* Less than .05.

Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Series began January 1959.

Table XII

MONTANA JOB VACANCY RATES

In Selected Industries

(Percent)

AUGUST 1973

	Aug. 1973	July 1973	Aug. 1972
MANUFACTURING	.1	*	*
Durable Goods	*	*	*
Primary Metal Industries	*	*	*
Nondurable Goods	.1	.1	*
MINING	1.6	1.5	.1

* Less than .05.

Prepared by U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.
 Series began January 1970.

NEW BUSINESS FIRMS IN MONTANA

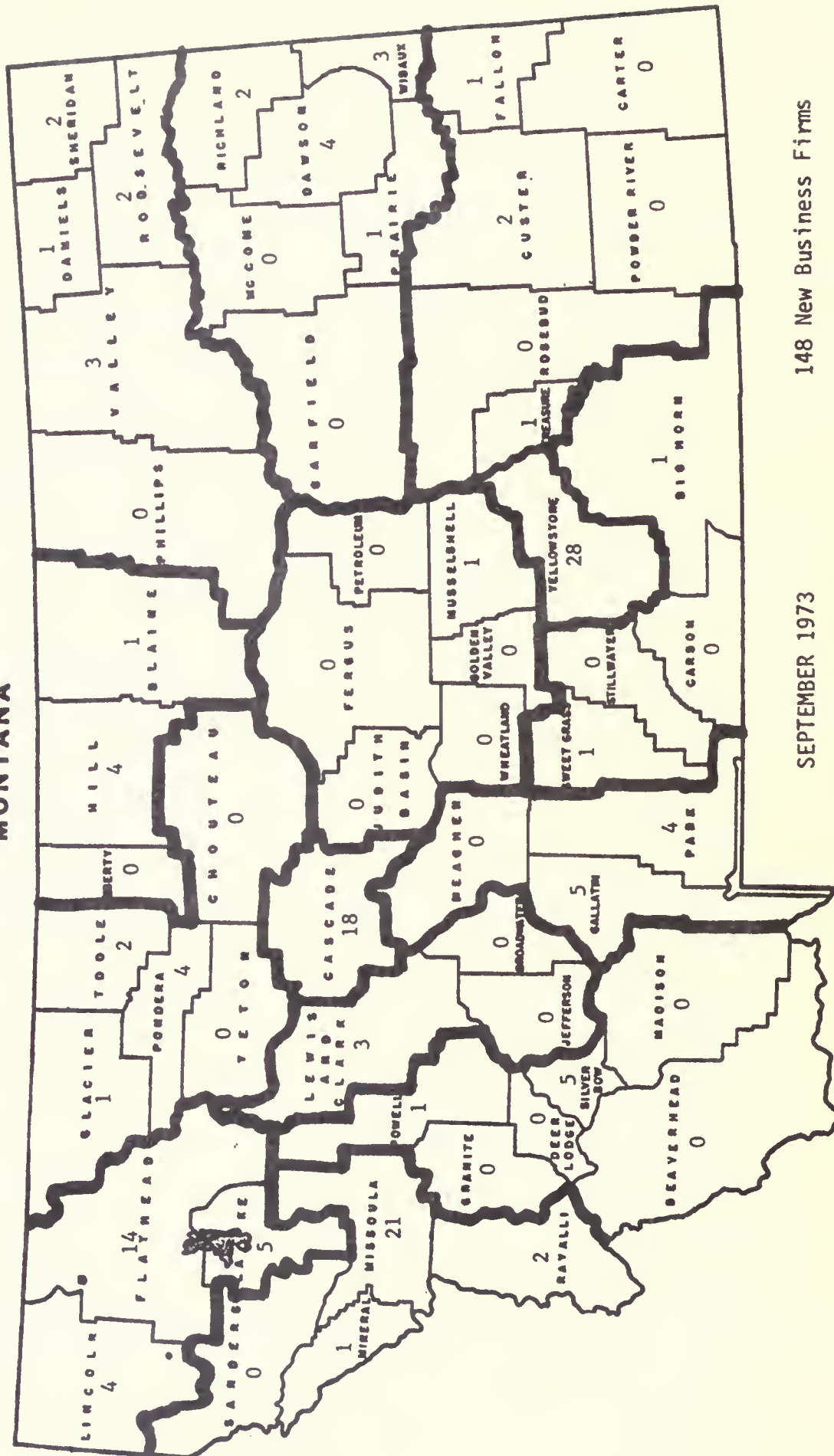
New business firms in Montana are a reflection of economic activity within the business community. Data furnished on this page and the following map are an aggregate of information supplied by the office of the Montana Secretary of State and the Montana Employment Security Division. These data should in no way be construed as being absolute. They are presented to indicate business trends during the survey period.

The map on the following page is a break-down by county and labor market area of business starts during the month of September, 1973. Labor market areas are designated by the dark outline.

The following chart is a break-down of new businesses in Montana in September by industry:

<u>Industry</u>	<u>Number</u>
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY, AND FISHERIES	17
MINING	3
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	34
MANUFACTURING	1
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATION, ELECTRIC, GAS, AND SANITARY SERVICES	13
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	29
FINANCE, INSURANCE, AND REAL ESTATE	12
SERVICES	39
TOTAL	148

NEW BUSINESS FIRMS IN MONTANA



SEPTEMBER 1973

148 New Business Firms

Source of Data: State of Montana Employment Security Division, Research and Analysis Section;
Montana Secretary of State.

MONTANA LABOR MARKET AREAS
WITH COUNTIES INCLUDED IN EACH AREA

ANACONDA-BUTTE AREA

Beaverhead
Deer Lodge
Granite
Madison
Powell
Silver Bow

BOZEMAN AREA

Gallatin
Meagher
Park

GLASGOW AREA

Daniels
Phillips
Roosevelt
Sheridan
Valley

GLENDIVE AREA

Dawson
Garfield
McCone
Prairie
Richland
Wibaux

HARDIN-RED LODGE AREA

Big Horn
Carbon
Stillwater
Sweet Grass

HAVRE AREA

Blaine
Hill
Liberty

HELENA AREA

Broadwater
Jefferson
Lewis and Clark

KALISPELL AREA

Flathead
Lake
Lincoln

LEWISTOWN AREA

Fergus
Golden Valley
Judith Basin
Musselshell
Petroleum
Wheatland

MILES CITY AREA

Carter
Custer
Fallon
Powder River
Rosebud
Treasure

MISSOULA AREA

Mineral
Missoula
Ravalli
Sanders

SHELBY AREA

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